

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Classification of Industries

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to bring a fresh classification of industries to sync environmental goals of improving ease of doing business in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number and type of industries proposed to be included under the new classification;
- (c) the criteria adopted/fixed for categorisation of the industries;
- (d) whether under the new classification, the pollution due to emission of effluents, and its impact on health was not considered a primary criteria; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to(c) Pursuant to a proposal received from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) the Ministry has approved a new concept for the categorization of industries based on the relative pollution potential of the industrial sectors. As per the new concept, Pollution Index scores have been worked out based on the emissions (air pollutants), effluents (water pollutants), hazardous wastes generated and consumption of resources, for various industrial categories. Based on the relative scores, the industries have been categorized as Red category having score more than or equal to 60, Orange category having score between 41 to 59, Green category having score between 21 to 40 and White category having score less than 20.

As per the classification, Red category covers 60 industrial sectors, Orange category covers 83 industrial sectors, Green category covers 63 industrial sectors and the newly introduced, White category covers 36 industrial sectors, which are least polluting/non-polluting. Under the ease of doing business, the Ministry has approved self-certification for industries (covered within the DIPP definition of Start-ups) which fall in 'White category' of industrial sectors and locate their establishment in conformity with approved land-use. A summary of newly categorised industries into Red, Orange, Green and White is annexed.

(d)&(e) Under the new classification of industries, the prime criteria is pollution potential because the procedure for setting standards for emission and/or effluent envisages health as one of the criteria.